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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes Mr. President and members, am I on? Mr. President and members of the body, I think I'll support this bill, and I think Senator Carpenter does raise some points, I have been an observer to a certain extent for a couple of months, and of course the money flows and the programs flow, where the political power flows, and I think in this particular area that the western end of the state has been abused and treated unfairly, and I think in other areas it's probably over compensated, but with no expectation of remuneration in my area for my support of this program, I'd offer it anyway for the rest of the state of Nebraska, cause I think it is a good program and they deserve it.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now? Senator Whitney, do you care to close then on your motion? Alright, Senator Whitney now is closing on his motion regarding LB 432, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I want to thank Senator Cavanaugh, an Omaha Senator, for his respect for outstate Nebraska and outstate tax payers. I think he made a noble statement. Now, Senator Warner points out that we can do this similarly in LB 403, but LB 403 may not pass, and I want this bill up there on general file so that we can take care of those boys and girls. Now, Senator Chambers doesn't know me very well yet, I'm a very compassionate person, and if these children could be assured that they get the money, in LB 235 I'd vote for it, but I'm not assured that they'll get the money, it could be the father, who went down to the beer tavern, and because this is a problem that we have, we cannot force the parents to give it to the children. Now then, I did not intend to convey the idea, any reflection, no bad reflection at all on the mental retarded and I'm certain that before this legislative session is over that Senator Chambers will realize that because I have several mental retarded bills here to help the mental retarded over the state. My only point there is this, these boys and girls that are hard of hearing many of them are very brilliant boys and girls, and when we put some money into them, we are putting an investment into them, and they are going to be able to draw down excellent jobs later on, if we can start them out right and this is something we've got to do, and so I feel very, emphatic that we should raise this bill on the floor, put it on general file and it will be there then, so that if we need it we will have it. I move that we put this bill LB 432 on general file, notwithstanding the action of the committee.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Nore you may ask a question regarding order only, what is your question?

SENATOR NORE: I'd like to ask Senator Whitney a question if he will yield? Is this starting another school for the deaf out west?

SENATOR WHITNEY: No, it's not starting another school, it's just simply is to get 3 professionals to serve there and one and a half of them would be engaged in giving services to the virtually totally deaf, where the parents didn't want their boys and girls to be close to home, and then the other one and a half persons would be engaged in helping the public schools with the acoustically handicapped because we need specialists out there in that field.

SENATOR NORE: One more question. These children now are going to Omaha?

SENATOR WHITNEY: No, they are not going to Omaha, because the parents just feel that when they are three and four and five and